system of medicine) through its network of hospitals, dispensaries, Primary Health Centres, etc.

Resignations by Air India Pilots

2623. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sixteen check pilots of Air India have tendered their resignations;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Nineteen check pilots of Air India have tendered their resignation from check pilotship. They have given no reasons for this action in their letters.

(c) Air India have contacted the Indain Pilots Guild who represent the community of pilots in this regard.

Orissa Town covered by Vayudoot Services

2624. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the name of towns in Orissa which have been brought under Vayudoot map, as on the 30th June, 1988;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to introduce Vayudoot service between Bhubaneswar and some other district/towns of the State; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Vayudoot has so far airlinked Bhubaneswar, Jeypore, and Rourkela in the State of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations, Vayudoot has plans to airlink Gopalpur and Jharsuguda in the State of Orissa during the current plan period.

Allocation of Maintenance of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

2625. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what amount is being granted annually for the maintenance of *National Highways in Andhra Pradesh*, per kilometre and when this norm has been in existence; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enhance the said amount in order to improve the condition of National Highways in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Allocation for maintenance of National Highways is not made on kilometre basis. Norms of maintenance were decided by a Technical Group set up by the Government of India in 1968. These norms are up-dated from time to time on the basis of Price Index, and allocation is made to all the States including Andhra Pradesh, on a pro-rata basis depending upon the availability of resources.

Widening of Vijayawada Guntur National Highway

2626. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to acquire land for widening of National Highway between Vijayawada and Guntur into four lanes; what amount has been allotted to widen this highway, by when the work is going to be started and by when it would be completed; and